



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: MICHAEL GEORG PAULIKS )  
Serial No.: 09/922,058 ) Group Art Unit: 2172  
Filed: AUGUST 3, 2001 ) Examiner: C. TRUONG  
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR )  
MASTER PLANNING PRIORITY ) Confirmation No.: 7585  
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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a) IN LIEU OF INVENTORS' SIGNATURES**

The present application includes eight inventors: Michael Georg Pauliks, Michael Lee Bundy, Thomas Robert Ervolina, Darrell Lavern Harrod, James Kanuch, Amanda Kotecki, Grant Lindsey Mackay, and Sarah Elizabeth Santo. Applicant's attorneys electronically mailed a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 to the electronic mailing addresses of each of the above-identified inventors, with the exception of Michael Georg Pauliks, for which an electronic mailing address could not be determined. Applicants' attorneys were informed that Mr. Pauliks had left the employment of his co-inventors several years ago and his subsequent whereabouts were unknown. Applicants' attorneys received signed Declarations from each of the inventors to which the Declaration was electronically mailed. The Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 was mailed by Federal Express via overnight mail on September 23, 2004 to the last known address of Michael Georg Pauliks: 3 Greenhill Drive, #13C, Fishkill, New York 12524-1994. Two delivery attempts were on September 24, 2004, after which the mailing was returned to sender.

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As evidence of the diligent efforts made to reach the remaining inventor, Michael Georg Pauliks, attached to this petition are:

- (1) a copy of the Federal Express return receipt for the mailing of the Declaration to Mr. Pauliks' last known address (the mailing was returned to sender);
- (2) copies of the declarations executed by the seven inventors who returned signed copies of the declaration with the signature blocks left blank to indicate that these inventors have signed on behalf of the unavailable inventor in accordance with MPEP 409.03(a);
- (3) results of a Web search for a telephone number in the white pages of a search engine operated by Netscape;
- (4) results of a Web search for an electronic mailing address in an email database operated by Yahoo;
- (5) results of a Web search for a telephone number in the white pages of a search engine operated by Yahoo;
- (6) results of a Web search for a business telephone in the yellow pages of a database operated by www.yellowpages.superpages.com; and
- (7) results of a Web search for the name, Michael Pauliks, conducted via a search engine operated by Lycos.com.

Using the methods described in paragraphs 1-7 above, the current employment status or current residence of Michael Georg Pauliks was unable to be determined.

This petition is also accompanied by a Fee Transmittal indicating the inclusion of a \$130.00 fee in accordance with 37 CFR 1.47(a) and 37 CFR 1.17(h). However, in the event the Commissioner of Patents deems that any additional fee is required in connection with this application, Applicants' attorneys authorize that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0510. Please direct any inquiries to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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